

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include Figs 66-78. These figures have been formalized without amendments to replace the previously filed sheets 66-78 of drawings.

Attachment: Eleven (11) Replacement Drawing Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The preceding amendments and following remarks are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 10, 2007. With this Amendment, claims 1, 15-17, and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 18 remains pending in this Application. Reconsideration, examination and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the examiner for indicating that claim 18 is allowable. All other claims have been canceled.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 15-17, and 21 are rejected as being unpatentable over Bao et al. (US 5,800,549) in view of Davison (US 6,270,793), Ray et al. (US 5,562,736) and Van Dyke et al. (US 6,270,793). Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection, however, in the interest of furthering prosecution, claims 1, 15-17, and 21 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

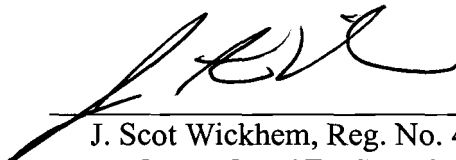
Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 18, indicated as being allowable by the Examiner, is in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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